

Amendment to the Specification

Page 7, paragraph No. 0030:

Ring 28 is also provided with two openings or windows 42 along its sidewall 32 to enable a user to view base portion 26 of needle hub 4. As needle hub 4, and the other components of the needle assembly, are made of conventional medical plastic such as polypropylene, or ABS plastic, and is substantially clear except for a color tinting as a way of color coding the assembly, the user can readily ascertain any flashing or blood, or blood flash, during a blood withdrawing procedure to thereby determine whether needle 22 has been correctly inserted into the vein of a patient. Thus, by way of windows 42, a user can view the base portion, as well as luer end 40 of needle hub 4. It should of course be appreciated that the safety needle assembly of the instant invention can also be used for infusion procedures. The dimension of ring 28 is such that it enables the user to readily grasp needle hub 4, and therefore the safety needle assembly as shown in Fig. 3, for mating to syringe 16 as shown in Fig. 2. As is well known, luer end 40 of needle hub 4 may be coupled to the corresponding luer end 44 of syringe 16 by a rotational movement when syringe 16 has a luer lock type receptacle, as shown in Fig. 2. Alternatively, in the case where the syringe has a luer slip type receptacle, the user, upon grasping ring 28, can simply insert luer 40 onto the luer slip receptacle of the syringe.